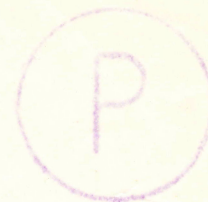




THE PALMYRA CIRCLE



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The change in the navy plane schedule was delayed this week on account of storms in Samoa and Fiji. However when the plane arrived at 8PM Wednesday evening they had 17 bags of mail for Palmyra.

The Honolulu steamer reports that there will be 46,000 sacks of Christmas mail from the Pacific coast before the 25th. The first 18,000 will arrive next Wednesday on two boats. 10,000 more will arrive on the 20th. 5,000 two days later and the balance on the 23rd and 24th.

The next scheduled navy flights are due here on the morning of the 13th and 20th. the second of these flights may bring some mail from the first two ships.

The NC 65 is expected on Monday the 13th. which will probably be its last trip here this year. The next trip is supposed to be early in January. Jerome Bloemer and his wife should be in on the NC 65 this trip. The little mynah bird has been telling me who was to be on the plane and I hope that he is right.

We received another message from Santa Claus over the submarine cable and he will be here the evening of the 24th. If anyone doesn't believe me, just write and ask him. He was sort of worried about the heavy, as Dunder and Blitzen have a long way to travel so we promised them lots of Ice Water while he is here.

There will be a silent moving picture show next Saturday evening December 18th. The feature picture will be, A Midnight Fantasy. Watch the bulletin boards next Friday for the tv. Other information regarding the show. There will be a special childrens Christmas show the following week.

Clip this coupon and fill out before
December 13th.

PLEASE RESERVE COPIES OF THE
CHRISTMAS ISSUE OF THE PALMYRA CIRCLE

Your name.

Your apartment or hotel room number
This is necessary in order that enough
copies can be printed for all.

The commissary was a busy place Friday afternoon, with the families getting Christmas decorations which had been placed on sale. It will be a busier place with the trees and fresh fruit and vegetables, that should arrive on NC65.

This week the Army sent one of their newest six engine bombers on a non-stop flight from the mainland to Hawaii and return. Honolulu residents were looking forward to a sight of the new plane. The army in Hawaii has a red face as they did not intercept it or even spot it on their radar. The civilians will have to wait to get their first view of one of the new planes.

Late one afternoon a marine corps radar unit picked up signals indicating unidentified aircraft in the area and apparently landing on an unused airfield a few miles away.

A quick check showed no military planes were aloft and a single corsair fighter was sent up at dusk to investigate. Although radar operators reported the intruders within a quarter of a mile of the search plane, the pilot saw nothing in the darkening sky.

The mysterious flying formation continued during the night and approximately 80 of them were plotted on the radar screens.

So with the dawn a whole division of Corsairs took to the air, their pilots grimly determined to track down their quarry.

They spotted something suspicious and radar units on the ground verified that these were the evasive enemy. A large vee of ducks coming in for perfect two-point landings at the deserted air field.

The above duck story was from the Honolulu Star Bulletin of November 25th.

The survivors of the Army plane that crashed south-west of Johnson Island arrive in Honolulu Friday night from the Marianas where they were taken after being picked up from two life rafts.

The pilot of the plane which spotted them in the water was on hand to greet them. They are expected to remain in the hospital until they have recovered, before being sent on to their original destination in the state of Washington.

ONLY 14 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

The Palmyra Cards have all been sold but there a few boxes of Christmas cards some separate special cards still available.